



**LOWE, Phillip Dean [R]**—(Dist. No. 60, Florence-Sumter Cos.)—Physical Therapist and Developer; s. Don and Naoma Lowe; g. Med. Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1982; attended Univ. of S.C. and Francis Marion Univ.; 3 children; MUSC Physical Therapy Class Pres.; Amer. Physical Therapy Assn.; S.C. APTA; Bd. mem., S.C. Dept. of Natural Resources, Chm.; Wildlife and Freshwater

Fisheries Div.; Wildlife Distinguished Serv. Award; Florence Natl. Bank Founding Bd. Mem.; Ducks Unlimited; mem., NRA; Dixie Youth baseball coach; Florence Bd. of Realtors; Blue Water Fishing Club; Farm Bureau; Founding Pres., Fly-way Foundation; Labor, Commerce & Industry; Public Utility Subcom.; Real Estate Subcom.; Ethics Com.; Ebenezer Baptist Church; prev. serv. in House 2007–11.

**LUCAS, James Howle “Jay”**, Speaker *Pro Tempore* (for biography and picture see p. 83).



**MACK, David James III [D]**—(Dist. No. 109, Charleston Co.)—Businessman/Radio Talk Show Host/Pres., Sunrise Communications of Charleston; residing at 4340 Evanston Blvd., North Charleston; b. Dec. 13, 1953 in Charleston; s. David James, Jr. and Dorothy P. Mack; g. Howard Univ., B.S., 1975; m. Sheryl Ann Shaw, 3 children, David IV, Brandon, and Daniel; lay speaker, Old

Bethel United Methodist Church; COBRA Bd. of Dirs.; North Charleston branch of NAACP; Bd. of Dirs. of S.C. Coalition for Black Voter Participation; Co-Chair of the Progressive Network; mem., Charleston Chap. of Rainbow PUSH; Omega Psi Phi Frat.; Bd. of Dirs. of the Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC), 1977–81; Carolina Youth Dev. Center, 1977–82; Editorial writer with *The Chronicle*, 1986–88; S.C. Substance Abuse Comm., 1980–84; prev. serv. in House 1997–11.

**McCOY, Peter M., Jr. [R]**—(Dist. No. 115, Charleston Co.)—Atty.; residing at 1077 Honeysuckle Lane, Charleston; *b.* Aug. 20, 1978 in Charleston; *s.* Peter M. and Lucy Coleman McCoy; *g.* Hampden-Sydney Coll., B.A., 2001; Regent Univ., J.D., 2005; June 19, 2010 *m.* Jennifer Blanchard, 1 child, Mae Loflin; Asst. Solicitor, Charleston Co., 2005–10; Exec. Bd., Charleston Lawyers Club, 2007–; licensed to practice in Fed. Dist. Court of S.C. and Fed. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals; awarded the Key to James Island; Adv. Bd. for Save the Morris Island Lighthouse; prev. serv. in House 2011.



**McEACHERN, Joseph A. "Joe" [D]**—(Dist. No. 77, Richland Co.)—Real Estate Broker; residing in Columbia; *b.* Apr. 10 in Dillon; *s.* the late Lawrence and the late Gilbertine McEachern; attended Furman Univ. and Columbia Intl. Univ., majoring in Political Science and Christian Educ. respectively; June 21 *m.* Penny Smith, 2 children, Joseph II and Aaron; former Richland Co. Sheriff Dep.; former mem.: Bd. of Dirs., Central Midlands Council of Govts., S.C. Central Carolina Econ. Alliance; Regional Transportation Authority; S.C. Assn. of Counties Legis. Com.; Student Adv. Com. of Cyril Busbee, State Dept. of Educ. and Gov. John C. West, 1972–73; Richland Co. Council, 1997–08, Chm., 2007–08; mem.: Agric., Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs Com.; Invitations Com.; apptd. to Workforce Review Com.; Dir., Christian Educ., Ridgewood Baptist Church; prev. serv. in House 2009–11.



**McLEOD, Walton J. [D]**—(Dist. No. 40, Newberry-Lexington Cos.)—Businessman/Atty.; residing at 308 Pomaria St., Little Mountain; *b.* June 30, 1937 in Walterboro; *s.* the late Walton J., Jr. and the late Rhoda Lane (Brown) McLeod; *g.* Yale Univ., B.A., 1959; Univ. of S.C., LL.B., 1964; attended Univ. of Minn. Public Health School, summer, 1972; *m.* Julie E. Hamiter, 1 child;



Law Clerk, Chief Judge Clement Haynsworth, U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals, 1964–65; Atty., Pope & Schumpert, 1965–67; Asst. U.S. Atty., 1967–68; Gen. Counsel, S.C. DHEC, 1968–94; Dep. S.C. Atty. Gen., 1987–88; Bd. mem.: Newberry Co. Council on Aging, 2001–; Newberry Coll. Foundation, 2005–; S.C. Alzheimer's Assn., 2007–; S.E. Inst. for Women in Politics, 2007–; S.C. Humanities Council, 2008–; S.C. Legis. Audit Council, 2008–; Pres., Newberry Jaycees, 1967; Pres., South Caroliniana Soc., 1990–93; Chair, Central Midlands Council of Govts., 1981–82, 2001–03; Pres., S.C. Magistrates Assn., 1976–77; State Pres., S.C. Reserve Offs., 1981–82; Natl. Pres., Judge Advocates Assn., 1991–92; Editorial Adv. Bd., S.E. Environmental Law Journal, 1993–; J. B. O'Neill Inn of Court, 1996–; recipient of Outstanding Freshman Rep. Award, 1997; S.C. Reserve Off. of the Year, 1998; Outstanding Legislator Award, Gift of Life Trust Fund, 1999; Legis. Appreciation Award, S.C. Assn. of Conservation Dists., 2006; Outstanding Serv. Award, S.C. Amer. Legion, 2006; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Human Serv. Providers Assn., 2008; 1st VC, Jud. Com., 2006–08; State House Com., 2010–; mem.: Amer. Legion; Ruritan Club; Mason; Hejaz Shriner; Holy Trinity Lutheran Church; mil. serv.: USN, 1959–61, 1963 & 1990—Capt., USN Reserve (Ret.); prev. serv. in House 1997–11.



**MERRILL, James "Jim" [R]**—(Dist. No. 99, *Berkeley-Charleston Cos.*)—Public Relations Consultant, Geechie Communications; residing at 2401 Daniel Island Dr., Daniel Island; *b.* Jan. 15, 1967 in Pensacola, Fla.; *s.* James H. and Annette McGregor Merrill; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1989, M.P.A., 1992; Aug. 29, 1992 *m.* Noel Marie Gaillard, 3 children, Delaney Marie,

Haley McGregor, and Darby Lee; Press Secy. for Congressman Floyd Spence, 1989–92; Political Dir., S.C. Rep. Party, 1992–98; Dist. Admin. for Congressman Mark Sanford, 1994; Owner, Geechie Communications, 1994–; mem., Univ. of S.C. Alumni Assn.; past Pres., Sigma Chi Frat.; S.C. Policy Council; Berkeley Co. Rep. Party; Whip, Majority Caucus; Fin. Com., Majority Leader, 2004–; Univ. of S.C. Gamecock Club;

Daniel Island Neighborhood Assn.; mem., Stella Maris Catholic Church; prev. serv. in House 2001–11.

**MITCHELL, Harold, Jr.** [D]—(Dist. No. 31, Spartanburg Co.)—Exec. Dir., Regenesis; residing at 505 North St., Spartanburg; *b.* June 3, 1965 in Spartanburg; *s.* Margaret Duckett Mitchell and the late Harold Mitchell; attended S.C. State Univ., 1984–85; Univ. of S.C., 1985–88; attending Dominion Bible Coll.; Aug. 13, 1988 *m.* Wanda Dawkins Mitchell, 3 children, David Benjamin, Elizabeth Ann, and Hannah Grace; mem.: EPA, Natl. Environmental Justice Adv. Council; BMW Comm. Adv. Council; State Competitive Initiative Task Force on Distress Com.; Bd. of Govs., Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce; Chm., Spartanburg Housing Dev.; mem., Dominion Comm. Church; prev. serv. in House Nov. 29, 2005–11.



**MOSS, Dennis Carroll** [R]—(Dist. No. 29, Cherokee-Chester-York Cos.)—Retired, S.C. Hwy. Patrol; residing at 306 Silver Cir., Gaffney; *b.* Jan. 13, 1954 in Union; *s.* the late James Edward and Mary Ivey Moss; *g.* Union High School, 1972; attended Spartanburg Methodist Coll.; S.C. Criminal Justice Academy; June 24, 1978 *m.* Janet Ellis, 1 child, Brandon Lindsay; mem.: Lions Intl.; Sertoma Intl.; Gaffney #186 Masonic Lodge; Cherokee Shrine Club; Hejaz Shrine Temple; NRA; Cherokee Co. Econ. Dev. Bd.; United Way of Piedmont; Buford St. Methodist Church, Laymember to Annual Conf.; mem., Bd. of Dirs.: Cherokee Co. Habitat for Humanity; Cherokee Co. Senior Citizens Center; Sportsman Caucus; Rural Caucus; prev. serv. in House 2007–11.







**MOSS, V. Stephen “Steve” [R]**—(Dist. No. 30, *Cherokee Co.*)—Retired banker; residing at 104 Rains Rd., Blacksburg; *b.* Feb. 3, 1950 in Cherokee Co.; *s.* Winfred V. and Frances M. Moss; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.A., 1972; S.C. School of Banking, 1976; School of Banking of the South, LSU, 1984; Aug. 21, 1976 *m.* Cheryl C. Carlton, 3 children, Elizabeth M., Jessica M., and

Emily M.; Pres., Cherokee Co. Chamber of Commerce, 1982, 1994; Pres., Gaffney Rotary, 1996; Chm., Cherokee Co. Recreation Dist., 1982–84; Cherokee Co. School Bd., 1990–94; Cherokee Co. Comm. Foundation Bd., 1995–04; S.C. Banker’s Assn. Bd., 2007–09; prev. serv. in House Apr. 28, 2009–11.



**MUNNERLYN, Elizabeth R. [D]**—(Dist. No. 54, *Marlboro-Chesterfield Cos.*)—Atty.; residing at 611 E. Main St., Bennettsville; *b.* June 20, 1969 in Bennettsville; *d.* John I. III and Carolyn B. Rogers; *g.* Converse Coll., B.A., 1990; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1993; Dec. 29, 1990 *m.* J. Ronald Munnerlyn, Jr., 2 children, Mary Catherine and William Ford; law clerk, Circuit Court Judge James

E. Lockemy, 1993–94; Asst. Solicitor, 4th Circuit Solicitor’s off., 1994–10; mem., Junior Charity League, Marlboro Co., 1994–04, Pres., 2001–02; Bd. mem., United Way of Marlboro Co., 2000–05; Kiwanis Club of Bennettsville, 2000–, Pres., 2003–04; mem. & Sunday School teacher, First Presbyterian Church of Bennettsville, Deacon, 1995–98, 2008–11; prev. serv. in House 2011.



**MURPHY, Christopher J. “Chris” [R]**—(Dist. No. 98, *Charleston-Dorchester Cos.*)—Atty., Murphy Law Firm, LLC; residing at 167 Oak Bluff Rd., Summerville; *b.* May 31, 1968 in Honolulu, Hawaii; *s.* the late Patrick J. and the late Barbara A. Murphy; *g.* The Citadel, B.A., 1990; Mississippi Coll., J.D., 1995; Aug. 6, 1994 *m.* Maité D., 2 children, Christopher A. and Jackson F;

founding mem., Summerville Miracle League, Summerville

Rotary Club; Asst. Solicitor, First Judicial Circuit, 1996–01; Special Asst., U.S. Atty., Drug/Violent Crime Task Force, 1998–01; Dorchester Co. Council, 2002–10, Chm., 2005; mem., St. Paul's Episcopal Church; mil. serv.: SCARNG; prev. serv. in House 2011.

**NANNEY, Wendy Kay [R]**—(Dist. No. 22, *Greenville Co.*)—Credit Mgr.; residing at 124 Birnam Court, Greenville; *b.* April 16, 1965 in Greenville; *d.* Bob and Barb Taylor; *g.* Bob Jones Univ., B.S., 1987; Dec. 12, 1986 *m.* Timothy Lee Nanney, 5 children, Meredith, Taylor, Kacey, Travis, and Maggie; Chm., Greenville Co. Rep. Party, 2006–07; Treas., Upstate Rep. Women's Club, 2003–06; Winning Women Graduate, 2006; former staff, Sen. Foreign Relations Com.; mem., Hampton Park Baptist Church; prev. serv. in House 2009–11.



**NEAL, James M. "Jimmy" [D]**—(Dist. No. 44, *Lancaster Co.*)—Retired Principal; residing at 5148 Sandy Lane, Kershaw; *b.* Apr. 30, 1943; *s.* the late James M. Neal and the late Annie Neal Smith; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.S., 1965; Winthrop Univ., M.Ed., 1978; July 17, 1966 *m.* Harriett Hawkins, 2 children, Bryant and Scott; former mem., Lancaster Co. Literacy Council; former mem., Lancaster Co. Election Comm., 1990–98; inducted into the Lancaster Co. Educ. Hall of Fame, 2006; EMS Legislator of the Year, 2007; Center Grove Baptist Church; prev. serv. in House May 4, 1999–11.



**NEAL, Joseph H. "Joe" [D]**—(Dist. No. 70, *Richland-Sumter Cos.*)—Minister/VP, New Horizons Systems, Inc.; Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Chester; residing at 1326 Clarkson Rd., Hopkins; *b.* Aug. 31, 1950; *s.* Choatte R., Sr. and LaVerne K. Neal; *g.* Benedict Coll., B.A., 1972; post graduate studies, Colgate Divinity, Pittsburg Theological Seminary; Hon. D.D., Benedict Coll.; Chm., Citizens for Hopkins Comm. Organization;



mem.: Moving Forward Comm. Group; NAACP; Kappa Alpha Psi Frat., Inc.; Amer. Soc. Software Engineers; Bd. of Dirs., past mem., S.C. Fair Share; co-founder, CLEAN—Citizens Local Environment Action Network; Bd. mem., S.C. Environmental Watch; founder and Bd. mem., Area Communities in Econ. Dev. (Comm. Dev. Corp.); Sumter Area Econ. Dev.; Bd. mem., Funds for Southern Coms.; Lower Richland Water Authority, Lower Richland Comm. Council; past mem., First Union Bank Comm. Reinvestment Act Adv. Bd.; Rural Sumter Comm. for Econ. Dev.; Chm., Citizens for Hopkins Neighborhood Assns.; Gov.'s Nuclear Waste Task Force; Co-Chm., S.C. Progressive Network; Bd. mem., AAEJAN—The African Amer. Environmental Action Network; Chm., S.C. Legis. Black Caucus, 2000–02; Dep. Dem. Leader; House Ways and Means Com.; Hon. Ph.D. of Humanities, Francis Marion Univ.; prev. serv. in House 1993–11.



**NEILSON, Denny Woodall [D]**—(Dist. No. 56, Chesterfield-Darlington Cos.)—District Technology Student Job Placement Coordinator; *d.* the late Lula (Denny) Woodall and the late Lawrence W. Woodall; *g.* Anderson Junior Coll.; Coker Coll., B.S.; Winthrop Univ., M.S.; Univ. of S.C. & Nova Univ., Post Graduate; Powers Modeling & Finishing School, N.Y.;

Hon. Ph.D., Francis Marion Univ.; *m.* David S. Neilson; mem., Central Baptist Church; former mem.: Chm., Jt. Legis. Com. on Aging; Darlington City Council; former Chm., House Ethics Com.; former mem., Darlington Co. Council on Aging; S.C. Health Coordinating Council; Bd. of Trustees, Gov.'s School for Science & Math; Bd. of Dirs., Darlington Chamber of Commerce; Pres., Darlington Pilot Club; Darlington Co. Educ. Assn.; Pres., Natl. Assn. Accredited Talent & Beauty Judges; S.C. Educ. Assn. Human Relations Award; S.C. Distinguished Teacher-Citizen Award; Darlington Lions Club Goodfellow Award, 1985; Darlington Bus. & Professional Women's Assn. Woman of the Year, 1985; S.C. Voc. Dir. Assn. Voc. Educ. Leadership Award, 1987 and 1996; S.C. Retired Educators Serv. Award, 1988; Wilson Healthcare Serv. Award, 1989; Young Farmers of America Serv. Award, 1997; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Fed. of Older Amers. Assn., 1997; Citizen

of the Year, Greater Darlington Chamber of Commerce, 2002; mem., Bd. of Trustees, S.C. Baptist Ministries on Aging, 2001–05; Darlington Free Med. Bd., 1999; S.C. Assn. of School Admin. Career and Technology, Leadership Award, 2002; recipient of Order of the Palmetto, 2002; S.C. Woman of Achievement by the Miss S.C. Pageant, 2004; prev. serv. in House Aug. 7, 1984–11.

**NORMAN, Ralph W. [R]**—(Dist. No. 48, York Co.)—Real Estate Developer; residing at 907 Maple Hill Lane, Rock Hill; *b.* June 20, 1953 in York Co.; *s.* Warren and Mary Norman; *g.* Presbyterian Coll., B.S., 1975; Dec. 1974 *m.* Elaine Rice Norman, 4 children, Warren III, Caroline, Anne, and Mary Catherine; past Pres., Rotary Club, 1978; Bd. of Realtors, 1982; York Co. Home Builders, 1984; past Chm., Bd. S.C. Bank & Trust, 1996–99; Piedmont Hosp., 1998; Bd. of Visitors, Med. Univ. of S.C.; prev. serv. in House 2005–06; Nov. 3, 2009–11.



**OTT, Harry Legare, Jr. [D]**—(Dist. No. 93, Calhoun-Lexington-Orangeburg Cos.)—Farmer; residing at 461 Bull Swamp Rd., St. Matthews; *b.* Oct. 2, 1952 in Orangeburg; *s.* Harry Legare Ott, Sr. and Virginia Inabinet Ott; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.S., 1974; Aug. 7, 1976 *m.* Linda Fleming, 2 sons, Russell and Kevin; Minority Leader; Ways and Means Com.; Public Educ. & Special Schools Budget Subcom.; Econ. Dev., Capital Improvement & Other Taxes Subcom.; Public Utilities Review Com.; Mason; Natl. Gas Exploration Feasibility Study Com.; Andrew Chapel United Methodist Admin. Bd.; Chm., Calhoun Co. School Bd., 1992–96; mem., Calhoun Co. School Bd., 1980–88; former mem., Orangeburg-Calhoun Regional Hosp. Foundation Bd.; Calhoun Co. Dev. Comm.; former Pres. & State Dir., Calhoun Co. Farm Bureau; prev. serv. in House 1999–11.





**OWENS, Phillip Drayton [R]**—(Dist. No. 5, *Pickens Co.*)—Businessman; residing in Easley; *b.* 1951 in Pickens; *s.* Fred William and Lillian Parsons Owens; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1973; *m.* Lynn Catherine Southerland, 2 children, Lori Jill and Kathryn Diana; Bd. mem., Pickens Co. YMCA, 1995–05, CVO, 1997–98, 2007–08, 2011; First Union/Wachovia Bank Upstate Adv.

Bd., 1998–02; Carolina First Bank Adv. Bd., 2002–07; mem.: Greater Easley Chamber of Commerce, 1993–, Chm., 1994, 2001–04; Pickens Co. Salvation Army Bd., 1995–98; Easley Econ. Dev. Corp., 1997–00; Pickens Co. Manufacturers Assn., 1996–97; YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly, 2000–02; Palmetto Baptist Med. Center Foundation Bd. mem., 1999–02, 2008–09; Rotarian; Natl. Co-Chm., Leadership for Healthy Comms., 2010–11; NCPSO Policy Maker Adv. Bd., 2010; mem., NCSL Educ. Comm.; St. Andrews United Methodist Church, Fin. Chm., 2011; prev. serv. in House July 2, 2002–11.



**PARKER, Steve [R]**—(Dist. No. 37, *Spartanburg Co.*)—Businessman; residing at 330 Farm Lake Rd., Boiling Springs; *b.* May 27, 1951 in Miss.; *s.* the late Luther and the late Gracie Schrimphshire Parker; *g.* Newberry Coll., B.A., 1973; Converse Coll., MAT, 1975; Univ. of S.C., Ed. Spec., 1978; 1976 *m.* Rita Kay Hammett, 2 children, Christy and Kevin; owner, Steve Parker Painting

and Sealcoating; former school bd. mem., Spartanburg School Dist. Two; former Spartanburg Co. Councilman; charter mem., Boiling Springs Kiwanis Club; founder, Boiling Springs Helping Hands Club; co-founder, SOLVE (Save Our Local Voice in Educ.) Com. to Stop School Dist. Consolidation; mem., Boiling Springs First Baptist Church; prev. serv. in House 2009–11.